



Practitioner's Docket No. A0729 (XC-009)

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J. M. A. J.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of:

Application No.: 09/976,394

Filed: 10/12/2001

For: SPRING STRUCTURE WITH STRESS-BALANCING LAYER

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Examiner: Victor A. Mandala, jr.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. section 1.191)**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed May 16, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-19.

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

☐ This application is on behalf of a small entity. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(b), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

☐ Small entity

☒ Other than a small entity - \$330.00

3. EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for ONE MONTH (\$110.00) based on the fact that the Response to the Final Office Action was filed *prior* to the 2-month due date, and that the Advisory has a mailing date *after* the 3-month due date.

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☒ Other than a small entity

☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is: Notice of Appeal fee \$330.00
 Extension fee \$110.00
 TOTAL FEE DUE \$440.00

5. ☒ FEE PAYMENT - Please charge Deposit Account No., 24-0037 (Docket No. A0729).

If any additional fee for claims is required, also charge Deposit Account No. 24-0037 (Docket No. A0729).

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